

18 January 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman, Estimates Production Board

FROM : D/LA Member

SUBJECT : EPB Action on Draft ORE 22-49

REFERENCE : Memo Chief, D/Pub to Members EPB Same Subject 12 Jan 1950

1. Subject ORE has been considered primarily in the light of suggestions made by D/LA in their Intelligence Production Requirements of 23 November 1949, particularly Part III, Considerations Common to All Intelligence Production.

2. In paragraph 6 of this paper, D/LA pointed out that, among products that were termed encyclopedic, it would be desirable to consider, in addition to the NIS series, certain products along both area and functional lines in gaps left by NIS series. Subject draft ORE seems to be such a product and therefore, provided its technical merit is considered adequate, it might well be published by ORE even if it does not fit neatly into existing series of publications.

3. D/LA member EPB therefore recommends to Chairman that:

a EPB authorize, or, if approval of higher authority is necessary, recommend authorization, of a new series of studies;

b D/Pub be instructed to recommend to EPB the title, standards, and precise limits of this series, these limits, however, to be sufficiently flexible to include publications to which one or more of the following characteristics would apply:

(1) Product is substantially basic intelligence but does not overlap immediately pending NIS products;

(2) Product is the result of CIA work in assigned fields "of common concern";

(3) Product is designed to be useful to working level personnel rather than valuable to the policy-planning levels receiving existing CIA series of publications.

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Enclosure No. 3 to EPB Notice No. 4-50